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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS DATED JUNE 10, 2004

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including September 10, 2004 in which to respond to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated June 10, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed. If the check is missing or insufficient, the Director is authorized to deduct the extension fee, and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882.

Respectfully submitted,

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